

Bowling team hosts first
Silicon Valley Classic
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State millionaire drops
ball on adult literacy
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The new laptop rental
service will be looked at
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Autumn Cardone folds up her bag to get on the shuttle to the Park and Ride lot Wednesday afternoon. The shuttle service, which runs from 6 a.m.

to 9:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Fridays, transports students from campus to the Park and Ride lot every 15 minutes.

Photos by Douglas Rider / Spartan Daily



Jesse Dina looks for a Physics class to add while riding the Valley Transportation Authority Light Rail to San Jose State University. Dina rides the light rail every day because it is near his house, and said it is better than hunting for a campus parking space.

Solutions to the SJSU parking

CRUNCH

Free public transportation
tries to cure old frustrations

Lance Analla
DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Nate Proctor, a senior majoring in foreign language, takes the bus to school every day he has class.

"The parking situation at school is too crazy," Proctor said. "I know people that have to leave their house at 6 a.m. just to find a parking space."

Scott Haywood graduated from San Jose State University in 1992 with a political science degree, and he is now the senior marketing representative for the transit access program, which provides free bus, light rail and paratransit services for SJSU students. Haywood said the Associated Students collects money for a VTA — Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority — eco-bus pass, which is purchased for all students. AS collects the money through a mandatory \$10 transit fee, paid once a semester by all students upon registration.

"An average student saves hundreds of dollars with the transit fee," Haywood said. "If they were to pay for an annual adult VTA

pass, it would be \$429."

Phahuah Nkong, a junior economics major, said taking VTA isn't always time-efficient or comfortable, but it is still less aggravating than driving.

"The bus drivers aren't always punctual, so you might miss your bus," Nkong said. "The conditions of the buses could be improved, but unlike driving, it is a stress-free alternative."

Altrans — Alternative Transportation Solutions — is a county program with an office in the Student Union which collaborates with AS in an effort to reduce traffic congestion.

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Park and Ride program gets three new shuttles

Erin Mayes
DAILY STAFF WRITER

With the loss of hundreds of parking spaces around campus, administrators have been scrambling to accommodate students who drive to San Jose State University.

"We really want people to try Park and Ride instead of circling the campus because that can be frustrating," said Lt. Marianne Alvarez of the University Police Department. The UPD is working this semester to make sure the Park and Ride system is as efficient as possible, Alvarez said.

The UPD plans to keep the Park and Ride lot free until Feb. 11, after which, it will require regular C permits or \$1 per day for students who park there, according to John Laws of the UPD.

Laws said Park and Ride permits can also be purchased for \$41 from vending machines near the Park and Ride lot.

There are 900 spots avail-

able in the Park and Ride lot, located in Seventh Street, between Alma and Humboldt streets. When the lot fills up, Alvarez said, spots are available at the Municipal Stadium lot on 10th and Alma streets next to the San Jose Ice Centre. There are more than 500 spots available in the municipal lot, Laws said.

According to Alvarez, there are three new shuttle buses and one new driver. Each bus can accommodate 35 seated and 15 standing passengers. She said additional shuttles have been reserved to be on hand the first few weeks of school. The shuttles are free and run from 6 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6 a.m. until 5:45 p.m. on Fridays.

"We'll be giving out free coffee and doughnuts to those who decide to use the Park and Ride lot for the first two weeks of school," Alvarez said.

If students don't feel like

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Killing class downtime

Erika Coron
DAILY STAFF WRITER

For those who prefer playing to standing in line, the possibilities of a few adventures are open to students again this semester.

"I took up kickboxing, and it got me pumped up," said sophomore Angela Melgoza, who works at the Associated Students' business office.

"I recommend it to students — it's fun," Melgoza said. "As a stress reliever, it's something students should look into when they have free time," she said.

If a different fitness program is more desirable apart from the usual things found in gyms, students will find a wide variety of things to do at the Event Center Sport Club. There students can play basketball, volleyball and badminton in the mini-gym. Aerobics classes are offered daily, and the club is free to all

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KSJS sets broad cast on Bookstore

Radio station hopes
to increase exposure

Trisha Santos
DAILY STAFF WRITER

KSJS (90.5 FM), San Jose State University's student-run radio station, has taken over the back of the Spartan Bookstore amid promotional efforts to raise awareness of the station.

"We thought this would be a great way to expose us to everybody," said Sharon Jennings, general manager of KSJS.

The station has been broadcasting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the Spartan Bookstore since Monday.

"It's a win-win situation for everybody," said Kevin Arient, the jazz music director for KSJS.

Broadcasting in the bookstore allows students to get a sneak peek of what the station is all about.

They can also get more information about the bookstore's products and services.

Arient said he hopes this opportunity will encourage others to become part of KSJS.

"We're open to new ideas at the station," said Arient, known as

Kevin Foley to KSJS listeners.

Arient said that this is the second time they've run this kind of promotion because the one last fall proved to be successful for the station. KSJS is a non-commercial, student-operated station and can be heard in seven Bay Area counties: Alameda, San Francisco, Sonoma, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara.

They broadcast a variety of formats such as jazz, alternative and Latin rock.

"What's cooler than working with music, getting lots of free stuff and getting credit for it?"

— Sharon Jennings
KSJS general manager

Jon Moreno, a computer science major and employee of the bookstore, is not a regular listener of KSJS, but he said he recently discovered the wide variety of formats the station has to offer.

"They play good mix of music that I never heard before," Moreno said. "They do a pretty good job."

"What's cooler than working with music, getting lots of free stuff and getting credit for it?" Jennings said.

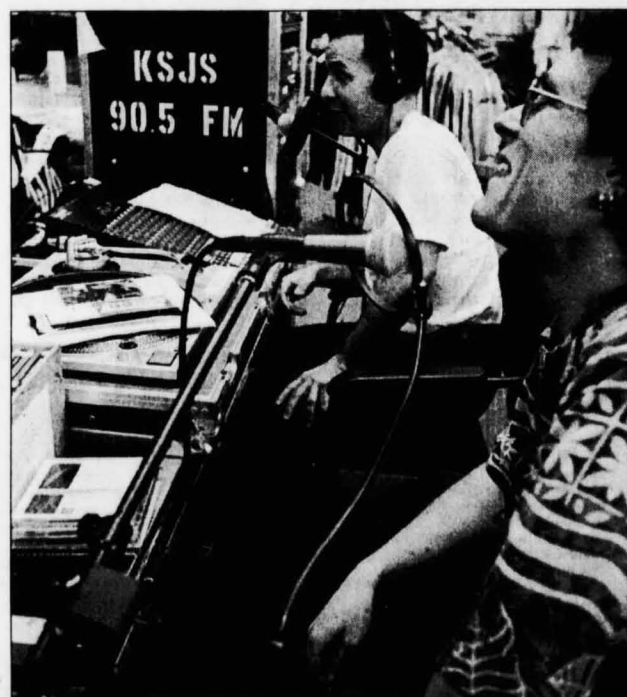
Students can train to be a disc jockey, work behind the scenes or be involved in other departments of the station such as Webpage design and marketing.

Brandon Givens, an RTVE, radio, television and film, major and Jay Untalan, also an RTVE major, are two disc jockeys that said being on the radio station is a positive experience.

"What's great about being a DJ is the concept of having your voice heard by so many people," Givens said.

Listeners of KSJS know Givens as DJ Manabees. He hosts a show called "Monday Night Live" where

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Sebastian Widmann / Spartan Daily

Radio guest Scott Cofer (front) and Kevin Arient end Thursday's live broadcast from the Spartan bookstore. Arient is the jazz music director at KSJS and has his own show from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturdays, and goes by the of name Kevin Foley.

Opinion

EDITORIAL

Millennium changes role of your paper

For 66 years the Spartan Daily has been serving San Jose State University as a primary source of campus news and information.

This year will be no different.

We understand today's world is vastly different than when the Spartan Daily first appeared in 1934.

The number of news sources and the staggering speed at which news is available would most certainly have boggled the minds of those from 1934.

So what happens now in this day and age when these numerous sources are commonplace?

Part of the answer is looking at the reading audience of today.

The multicultural nature of our society — and our school — has challenged us to rethink stagnant ideas from the past that revolved around the white, male dominated power structures.

As we move into the 2000s, we understand we don't have a captive audience — as our predecessors from the 1900s might have had.

We understand not everyone has our cultural and ethnic background. There are as many diverging views about life, as there are students on our campus.

We also understand the Spartan Daily is not ours, but we are merely its guardians.

The real owners of the Spartan Daily are you, the readers.

For some, the Spartan Daily is nothing more than a way to pass time in a class they would rather not attend, but for the rest of you, this is your paper.

And it is our job to keep you informed about what's going on in and around this campus.

Your paper will not be dominated by our views alone.

Instead, the news, opinions and events that make up and affect our diverse campus community will be represented.

If we — as a paper — don't touch you, don't reach you, don't identify with you or don't speak to you, then we are not doing our job.

It is through your feedback — either by reading the paper or sending letters to the editor — that we know what kind of job we are doing for you.

So we ask that you read us and comment if you feel it necessary.

In return, we will give you fun, informative, timely, relevant and diverse coverage of SJSU — just as we have for the past 66 years.

New semester promises plenty of stress

The first day of school is the best day of the semester. Everyone looks rested.

Everyone's faces are washed, and their hair is done. Their clothes are wrinkle-free and fresh with the scent of detergent.

Professors lecture with passion, and classrooms are full of students.

The painful experience of last semester's finals has been forgotten.

Optimism reigns.

However, an inevitable change is underway: It's a predictable pattern.

Several weeks from now, the pressure of due dates and midterms will begin to steal the peace of mind from many students.

"I'm so stressed" will be the most common words uttered around campus.

Young people will begin to look and smell like decaying corpses because they lack the time to sleep and the motivation to shower. Neither of these should be a commodity.

I end every semester feeling as if I've lived through a war. Me against too little time, too many tasks.

When the frustration of finals is over, I promise myself I will never



Christina Lucarotti
FRIDAY CONFESSION

cram for another test or wait until the night before a paper is due to begin my research again.

My habit of perpetual procrastination coupled with an addiction to adrenaline began when I was in grade school. I would wait until the night before a book report was due to even choose a book.

Last semester, right after Thanksgiving, I became so strung out on stress that I couldn't sleep for more than a week. I induced a cold

sore so severe it took four weeks and two prescriptions to heal. I was constantly anxious and on edge, even on the weekends. I felt as if my heart might leap out of my chest.

I was physically incapable of calming down. I lost all reason. I began to consider swiping muscle relaxers from a friend's medicine cabinet.

Finally, it occurred to me, it's not healthy to live in a constant state of fight or flight.

If I act as if a major catastrophe has occurred every time I get stuck in a traffic jam, how will I ever handle life's real emergencies, such as a holdup or serious illness.

I'm not an advocate of laziness. I am an advocate of stress-free living — living with our priorities in mind instead of living just to get by.

I recently read that Europeans work fewer hours a week than Americans and have four weeks of paid vacation a year, in most cases six.

When I was in Italy two years ago, I met a family from Australia who was taking a month-long vacation to travel through Europe.

That sure beats the 60 plus hour work week and two week vacation

common in the United States.

Sure, Europeans can't boast about being the leaders of the free world, but how many opportunities are there to brag about that?

News flash: The game of life is not won by whoever is the busiest.

I would hate to die and be remembered for always running from here to there, never having time to spend with the people I love the most, never having enough time to dedicate my efforts to something I believe in, such as education, health and spiritual enlightenment.

We all know life is meant for living, for loving, for laughing. So, why surrender it to stress.

Stress is ugly. It makes your skin look bad. It makes your breath smell bad. It puts you in a bad mood. And, it shortens your life.

So, as I begin a new semester, I will keep in mind that I'm in school not for punishment but for betterment.

Besides, stressing out never solved any of my problems.

Christina Lucarotti is the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor. "Friday Confession" appears Friday.

New Year's brings no sign of disaster

OK, so the whole Y2K thing was a dud. What a letdown. I thought, to be on the safe side, I'd stay home and watch the festivities on television.

I scoffed at my roommate when she told me she was going to spend New Year's Eve on a ship in the San Francisco Bay — and in a formal gown and heels no less. "That's not survival gear," I thought. Well, didn't I turn out to be the big dope?

Not that I went crazy with hoarding supplies or anything. I bought two gallons of water, candles and matches. A friend of mine filled up her bathtub on New Year's Eve — just in case the water didn't run the next day. I pondered doing the same but decided against it. If you stocked up on all sorts of junk "just in case," don't worry. Now you're ready for the real apocalypse.

If you feel foolish for over-preparing for the year 2000, think of how dumb the government must feel. According to the New York Times, the United States spent \$100 billion readying itself. Worldwide, an estimated \$600 billion was spent, according to the Houston Chronicle.

The end sum is equivalent to the entire gross domestic product of Holland, according to Scotland's Herald.

I'd say the U.S. and Britain are probably jealous of Italy, Japan, China and Venezuela, who didn't spend nearly as much and pulled off New Year's Day almost without a hitch, according to the Times. According to London's Independent, Britain spent 100 times more than Italy on preparations.

How does it all add up?

Well, the Pentagon alone spent \$3.6 billion, according to CNN. The U.S. hotel industry spent \$1.6 billion and GM, Ford and Daimler Chrysler spent \$1.3 billion altogether, according to the Buffalo News. The Buffalo News also said U.S. banks spent around \$9 billion, and businesses and government spent the rest of the \$100 billion.

While governments all over the globe paid through the nose, the rest of the world panicked.

The Red Cross had a website with a list of emergency year 2000



Erin Mayes
DAILY STAFF WRITER

supplies, which included a flashlight, batteries, a battery powered radio, a first-aid kit, medication, non-perishable food and at least three gallons of water per person.

Other sites were less practical and more doom-saying. Many insisted people would need bomb shelters and mass quantities of food, water and weapons to protect themselves from violent looters. Some advocated boarding up windows and barricading doors. Hey, why not build a moat around your house?

One in particular earned my vote for most entertaining and psychotic. Its author seemed to be some sort of militia member. He suggested we read books with titles such as, "Did Big Brother Give you Permission to go Wee-wee?" and "The Art of the Rifle." In the "Guns and Ammo" section of the same site, the author suggested we all go out and buy ourselves two rifles, a pistol and a shotgun. Skimming through the rest of the site, the word "manifesto" came to mind, mainly because it is usually linked with the word "Unabomber." They're probably good pals.

I hope that we have all learned something from this non-disaster. Personally, I've learned that I shouldn't have been so paranoid about something that no one was ever sure would happen. I was hoping to see some looting and rioting at the very least. Well, I've promised myself that next year I'll be part of the chaos on the streets, apocalyptic warnings or not. Hope to see you there!

Erin Mayes is a Spartan Daily Staff Reporter.



Adult illiteracy: cause worthy of attention

If you can read this, then thank a teacher. And for those who can't read or turn the letters into syllables or words, they aren't alone.

According to a National Adult Literacy Survey taken in 1996, one in five people have difficulty with very basic reading skills. One in three people possess insufficient reading skills. Forty percent cannot determine correct change. Twenty-five percent of Americans cannot address an envelope well enough to reach its destination, and 75 percent of the prison population does not have a high school diploma.

With more than 44 million adults in the United States reading at less than a fifth-grade level in the Silicon Valley, we should consider taking adult literacy problems seriously.

In an area where houses cost close to \$500,000, Internet startups are on every corner, and running into a millionaire is as sure as bumper to bumper traffic at 8 a.m. on the 880. Adults not being able to read should be unheard of.

Perhaps the millionaires found on almost every corner should contribute some of their funds into



Clarissa Aljentera
HERE'S THE DEAL

their community and give everyone a boost.

According to a Wall Street Journal article, several weeks ago, Bay Area resident Jim Barksdale decided to give \$100 million to the University of Mississippi Foundation, his alma mater. Barksdale is a former Netscape chief executive officer and a venture capitalist. His money will be used to create a reading institute focused on children's reading skills.

Perhaps Barksdale doesn't realize there are plenty of people in his own backyard that could use his

help. For example, the majority of the people living in San Jose are minorities. Most people are from foreign countries who probably speak English as a second language.

The thought of Barksdale donating millions of dollars is wonderful, especially because he is donating it to a higher education institution.

However, adults seem to be left out of the loop a bit more than children.

Perhaps he could have donated that money to the Literacy Alliance for the South Bay, the Partners in Reading or other programs that support adult literacy.

If 44 million adults have less than a fifth-grade reading level, then something needs to be done about adult reading.

They have significantly more responsibility than a 10-year-old, don't they? They have to pay bills, fill out insurance forms and maybe even help their children with homework. If they can't read or they have problems reading, how can they help their child?

People like Barksdale could take some community or civic responsibility. He and people like him could invest millions into

reading programs for adults in the Bay Area. Alert employees could donate their time and talent to the less fortunate, and most of all, give moral support.

Not being able to read or write would be quite a travesty considering how annoying it is to start the day without first reading a newspaper or a local magazine.

Reading is a great way to pass time, share thoughts with others, and more importantly, increase education.

For some, reading is just as important as breathing, and for others, it is a problem they struggle with each waking moment.

Barksdale had the right idea when he donated his money to a worthy cause, one that will benefit children well beyond their wildest dream.

But for the others out there just like him, who want to donate money to a worthy cause, an adult literacy center would be just the key. If you have gotten this far into the article — perhaps there is someone you should thank.

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Monday

Alpha Kappa Delta Phi

Exchange with the brothers of Lambda Phi Epsilon, 8 p.m. Meet by the Seventh Street Plaza fountain. For more information, call Linda at 924-8363.

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Pi Alpha Phi Fraternity

Information and pizza night with little sisters at 7 p.m. in front of the Student Union. For more information, call Carl at (510) 917-6796.

Phi Chi Theta Co-ed Business and Economics Fraternity

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Tuesday

Academic Senate

Deadline for Faculty Distinguished Service Award, submit nomination forms in Administration building, room. 176.

For more information, call Lydia Rose at 924-2440.

Alpha Kappa Delta Phi

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Asian American Christian Fellowship

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Alpha Kappa Delta Phi

Bowling and ice cream at 7 p.m. Meet by the Seventh Street Plaza fountain. For more information, call Linda at 924-8363.

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Hillel Silicon Valley

Hebrew and must see TV night at 7 p.m. at Hillel House. For more information, call Arlene Miller at 226-6669.

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Pi Alpha Phi Fraternity

Exchange with the sisters of Kappa Delta Phi at 7 p.m. in front

of Student Union. For more information, call Carl at (510) 917-6796.

Vietnamese Student Association

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Friday

Hillel Silicon Valley

Bioethics shabbat at 7 p.m. at Hillel House. For more information, call Arlene Miller at 226-6669.

Pi Alpha Phi Fraternity

Get together and barbecue at 7 p.m. at the fraternity house. For more information, call Carl at (510) 917-6796.

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Saturday

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Contact House Party at 9 p.m. at 567 S. Eighth St. at 9 p.m. For more information, call (510) 917-6796.

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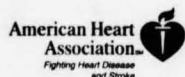
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Altrans offers students different ways of getting to campus from carpooling to bike riding.

Faye Sullivan, the college transportation demand manager at Altrans, said if students are fed up with driving to school but don't want to take public transportation, carpooling would be beneficial to them both socially and economically.

"It (carpooling) will save students gas, save them time and money," Sullivan said.

"You can make a new friend and split the cost of driving, while cutting the time of your trip to school in half by being

able to use the carpool lanes."

A two-person carpool pass can be purchased for the same price as a regular parking pass at \$81, but the vehicle must have two or more passengers for admittance.

A Car Pool Plus pass, which can be purchased for three or more passengers, allows admittance to all garages at all times, even when the garages are closed to regular students.

The pass allows the vehicle to park on the bottom floor of the garage while the regular two-passenger pass must park on the upper floors.

In addition, Altrans installed bike enclosures throughout campus last semester in five locations: Clark Library, the MacQuarrie Hall quad, Spartan Memorial Paseo near

Washington Square Hall and Seventh and Ninth Street Plazas.

They are operated by electronic keys which open the locked gates when passed near a sensor. Keys for the enclosures can be obtained with a \$10 per semester refundable deposit.

Alfonso De Alba said students should take the time to see what is available to them from Altrans rather than complain about the congested parking dilemma on campus.

"Students should really explore their options and see what we (AS) have available for them," De Alba said. "It's easy to say I don't have the time, but it seems like they would save time by not driving alone or struggling to find a parking space."

Fun

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San Jose State University students with a valid tower card.

For those students who like a different type of recreation, there is the bowling center, located on the lower level of the Student Union. The center offers more than just bowling balls and pins to knock down. Students can play table tennis, foosball, and air hockey as well as video and pinball games.

When the appetite starts to

build up, the Student Union Food Court serves sushi, quesadillas and other meals Monday through Saturday.

For those who crave fast food, Burger King is another option.

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If adventure and recreation is the name of the game, Associated Students Campus Recreation, offer open recreation, intramural sports, fitness and adventure programs.

"We offer about 30 hours of fitness per week Monday through Saturday," said fitness and adventures director Matt McNamara. The brochure listing all the events available here can be picked up at the Student Union.

The amphitheater offers noon-time concerts and speakers.

"It's a good place to go and get some fun time in" said Maria Murphy, an administrative assistant at the Associated Students office. "The amphitheater is great on a warm day — just grab your lunch and go."



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BY KENNETH TERRELL

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locally at one site or steer friends online. So how do the Web textbook stores stack up? As a test, *U.S. News* priced nine required textbooks for three courses at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., at the five Web sites and then compared those with prices at the campus bookstore.

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slightly less than those at the campus bookstore. Prices were only a bit lower at eCampus, Barnes & Noble subsidiary Textbooks.com, and BigWords (which has a business relationship with *U.S. News* Online). And none of these sites stocked all of the required textbooks. The result is that students determined to get the best prices must pick and choose among several sites, which in time consumed several dollars in shipping charges, and, with additional shipping charges, not necessarily a bargain. (Online giant Amazon.com offers few advantages over the bookstore.)

Though their list prices for books may not be as cheap as students hope, the Web sites give shoppers the opportunity to accumulate better discounts. These bonuses are students' best chance to cash in.

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Shuttles

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using the Park and Ride, there are 112 new spots for students with "C" permits, located around the perimeter of the campus, Alvarez said.

The \$81 "C" permits are regular daily permits that allow students to park in SJSU's garages. The spots are on portions of San Fernando, South 10th, San Salvador and South Fourth streets.

There is a three-hour time limit for parking in those spaces. O'Connell said that the three-hour time limit is necessary to have quick turnover.

"It seemed to work well," said Michael O'Connell of the San Jose Streets and Traffic Department. "I think we saw that students with permits were parking there."

Fines for not having a valid permit are \$31 while parking beyond the time limit will warrant \$33. No tickets or citations were given out last semester, O'Connell said.

"We chose not to write citations until we made one of the signs bigger," O'Connell said.

He said now that the size of the print on the signs has been enlarged, citations for parkers who are in violation will be issued.

Drivers with disabled placards can park in the perimeter parking spots and nearby residential areas, regardless of whether they have a valid permit, just as they are allowed to park at meters without paying.

Students who would rather not take their chances on getting a parking spot near school have some alternatives.

Faye Sullivan, a manager with Altrans, Alternative Transportation Solutions, suggested students who live near campus ride their bikes.

"Last year was the first year we had bicycle enclosures and it was great," Sullivan said. "Our goal this semester is to get all of the bikes inside the corral."

She said the five new cages make it more secure to park a bike on campus.

To obtain a key to the bicycle enclosures, students need to sign up in the Associated Students' Business Office and pay a \$10 refundable key deposit.

Students who do not live near close enough to ride their bikes have the option of taking public transit. Altrans plans to send mailers to students who live a quarter of a mile from bus stops along line 22, informing them of the service to SJSU. Students can use their tower card with a valid sticker to ride throughout Santa Clara County for free, Sullivan said.

While Altrans encourages students to use these alternative forms of transportation, the program also plans to assist students in finding carpool buddies. Sullivan said they will be sending mailers to students in the Santa Cruz area as well.

Students who would like to carpool can sign up in the Student Union's Altrans office, list their preferences in a carpool buddy. Then Altrans will send out a list to interested students. As an incentive, carpools get preferred parking in Seventh Street garage.

Free parking

If you're not willing to shell out money for parking permits and alternative transit is not much of an alternative for you, your last option is to battle for free parking on the streets.

Spots in residential areas can be found along Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth streets, north of campus. Their cross streets are also mostly free parking. Residential permit parking takes up most of the spots east of campus.

Westward is also primarily restricted parking. Half of Fourth Street alongside campus is free, and just about everything south of campus is free, excluding about half of San Salvador Street, which is for students with regular parking permits. Many people who live in those streets park in those spaces, and students who do nab those spots usually get them very early in the morning.

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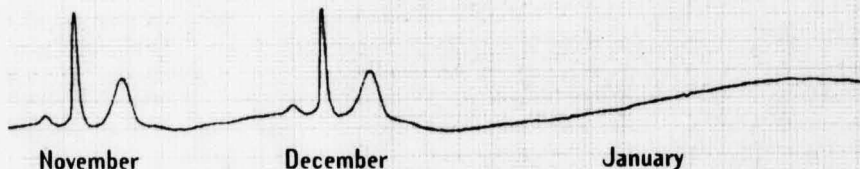
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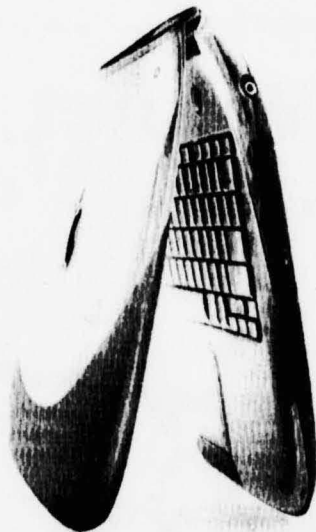
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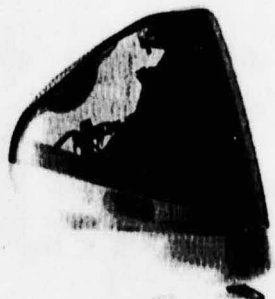
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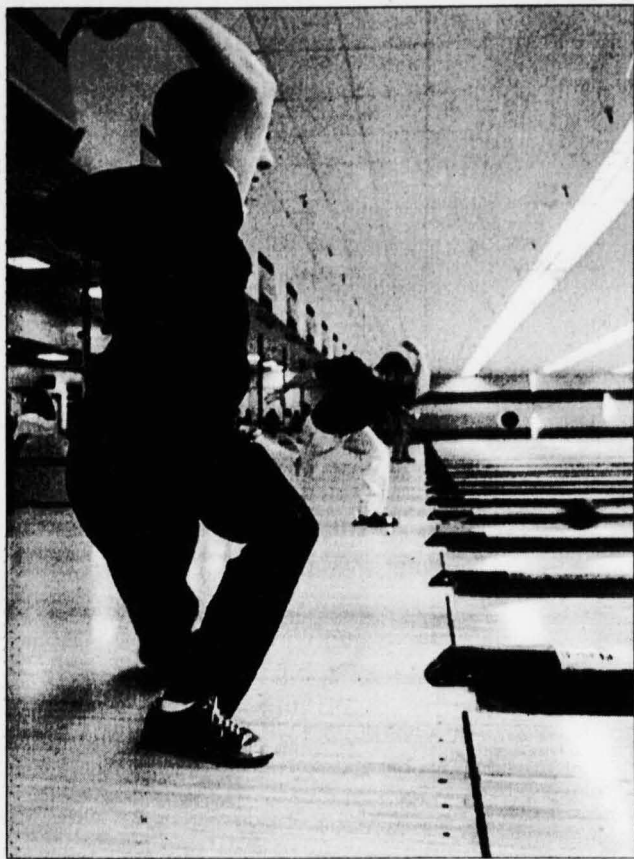
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Sports

Hornets can't spare bowlers



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Alex Sala, San Jose State University sophomore, practices his technique before a match against Fresno State University, while a Sacramento State University bowler competes in the background.

Erik Anderson
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The men's intercollegiate bowling team's high hopes of winning the first-ever Silicon Valley Classic were knocked over twice by Sacramento State University — once on Saturday, in a semifinal match, losing 3-2, and then again on Sunday in a second round match.

"I think the team did well and did what it wanted to do," said Lindsey Wong, San Jose State University's men's coach and organizer of the tournament.

"The outcome is not always what you expect it to be. All you can ask for is a chance."

SJSU finished third overall for the two-day Intercollegiate Bowling tournament, held Jan. 22 to 23 at the AMF Oakridge Lanes in San Jose. The men's bowling team had built up a 2-0 edge in the best-of-5 semifinal match before coming up short by two pins.

Saturday's showdown between SJSU's men's team and its CSU rival Sacramento State came in the final match of the day with both teams battling for the right to compete in the following day's title game.

The Spartans won the first two games, taking the first by 5 pins, 181-176. Team co-captain Brad Bargabus — who had scored a perfect 300 the previous weekend at the University of Utah Invitational — closed out the game's 10th frame with a spare and a strike while Sacramento State finished with an open frame.

After losing the third game to the Hornets, SJSU had a chance to close out the match. The Spartans, however, saw more

spares than strikes and the Hornets overcame two open frames with four successive strikes in the ninth and 10th frames to win the fourth game 194 to 192.

Sacramento State's success continued into the next game as they captured it as well as the match.

"I felt pretty good," said Spartan bowler Nolen Velasco Jr. "We came and got what we set out for. It just didn't follow through at the end."

On each day of the tournament, teams played a series of qualifying matches in the morning — five on Saturday, four on Sunday — to earn a spot in the elimination playoff rounds later in the afternoon.

The six teams with the highest combined pin totals moved on to play in the elimination rounds. The teams with the two highest pin totals in the qualifying matches received a first-round bye.

The tournament's two winners from Saturday's and Sunday's elimination rounds — Sacramento State and Cal Poly — played late Sunday afternoon in a roll-off, with Sacramento's Hornets ultimately winning the tournament.

During Sunday's elimination play, the Spartans lost to the Hornets again — this time in the second round.

On Saturday, SJSU bowled poorly in its qualifying match against Fresno State's women's team after bowling well the first three matches.

However, the men went back to their winning ways and stormed back in their final qualifying match of the morning against Las Positas Community College with a 223.8 team average to capture

the second seed.

The team scored an impressive series of 14 strikes in a row on their way to the victory.

The win over Las Positas put SJSU in a position for a first round bye, but the Spartans didn't slow down. They quickly won their second round match, beating the Fresno men's team 3-0, scoring a 279 — out of a total possible 300 — in the third game.

By defeating Fresno State, the Spartans next went to face Sacramento State, but did not pull out victory in the final game.

The tournament presented an unusual situation for the SJSU women's squad as two of the opposing women's teams withdrew from the competition at the last minute, Wong said. The original brackets were set up for separate men's and women's competition but were combined to remedy the last minute problem.

"One player was injured; thus they were not able to put together a team," Wong said, referring to one of the teams who had withdrawn. "There was no point in them coming with only four players."

The conditions left SJSU and Fresno State with the lone women's teams to compete, thus causing men to go toe-to-toe with women. But it proved to be something the Spartan women turned into a triumph as they defeated the University of California at Davis.

"We won our first match, which we felt kind of proud about; it was against a men's team," said SJSU women's team captain Melissa Corral. "We felt really good about that."

Even after the win and although they had played tough throughout the two-day tourna-

ment, the Spartan women never moved beyond the qualifying matches.

"We did OK, but we could have done better," said team member Wendy Morimoto.

Morimoto scored a 248 in one game, which was the second highest individual score among women bowlers for the tournament. Morimoto's 188 average over the weekend was sixth overall for the women.

"It took us a long time to get out of slumps we were in, but once we got out of them, we did OK," Morimoto said.

Monique Donaldson already had adjustments in her mind for the next day.

"I could have maybe used a different ball to pick up spin (as well as make) better adjustments for good first shots," Donaldson said. "It was not up to my normal average."

Donaldson had high scores of 213 and 214 while averaging a 172 overall in the tournament.

After the tournament was completed, team member Rasik Desai said he thought there wasn't much he would do differently — except win.

"I'd do the same thing tomorrow as I did today," he said.

Desai said the changing conditions — the consistency of the wax on the lanes varied with use and time — made it difficult for the bowlers to gauge accuracy on their throws.

"It was a matter of adjustments," Desai said.

Team member Alex Sala — eventually finishing with a 202.7 average for the tournament — said he thought the team had done well.

"We've got to focus on tomorrow now," he said.

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